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## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 47, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After pre-drying for 3 hours at 70°C to [[770°C]] <u>75°C</u>, the product was additionally dried under reduced pressure for 1 hour at 180°C to prepare highly liquid absorbent resin particles (H).